

services that feature customized access and delivery of products and services to the user from a central starting point for the management of various applications, such as e-mail, for example, or software, such as Office .Net®, (4) centralized data storage, which will increase efficiency and ease of access to information, as well as synchronization of information among users and devices, (5) the ability to integrate various communications media, such as e-mail, faxes, and telephones, (6) for developers, the ability to create reusable modules, thereby increasing productivity and reducing the number of programming errors and (7) many other cross-platform integration features as well. While exemplary embodiments herein are described in connection with C#®, the interfacing of the present invention may be supported in all of Microsoft's .NET® languages. Thus, as one of ordinary skill in the art can appreciate, it would be desirable to incorporate the interfacing functionality of the present invention into any programming language.

Please amend page 14, lines 3 through lines 11 with the following rewritten lines:

The present invention provides an explicit interface member implementation in connection with a programming language, such as C#®. The explicit interface member implementation of the present invention permits a class or struct to implement one or more interface members by explicitly specifying the relationship between the class or struct member and the interface member. Explicit interface member implementation is a language feature that differentiates a programming language, such as C#®, from all other known computer programming platforms and languages. Any language that includes interface implementation could potentially benefit by adding a feature similar to the below-described explicit interface member implementation in C#®. Explicit interface member implementations

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Please amend page 20, lines 25 through lines 31 and page 21, lines 1 through line 4 with the following rewritten lines:

As mentioned above, while exemplary embodiments of the present invention have been described in connection with the C#® programming language, the underlying concepts may be applied to any programming language for which it would be desirable to have